

Message Text

PAGE 01 NATO 04949 01 OF 02 121220Z

40

ACTION EUR-08

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SS-14 NSC-05 NSCE-00 INR-05 CIAE-00

PM-03 SP-02 PRS-01 OMB-01 SAJ-01 ACDA-10 L-01 TRSE-00

H-01 /053 W

----- 076891

R 121005Z SEP 75

FM USMISSION NATO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3500

SECDEF WASHDC

INFO ALL NATO CAPITALS 5482

CINCLANT

USCINCEUR

USDOCOSOUTH

USLOSACLANT

USNMR SHAPE

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 1 OF 2 USNATO 4949

LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MPOL, MASS, NATO, TU

SUBJECT: MILITARY AID TO TURKEY: AD HOC GROUP MEETING SEPTEMBER 10

REF: A. USNATO 2391 DTG 300050Z APR 75

B. USNATO 2847 DTG 211805Z MAY 75

C. USNATO 4759 DTG 021650Z SEP 75 (NOTAL)

D. USNATO 4820 DTG 051050Z SEP 75 (NOTAL)

E. USNATO 4837 DTG 051720Z SEP 75

F. USNATO 4870 DTG 091010Z SEP 75 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY. AT SEPTEMBER 10 MEETING OF AD HOC GROUP ON MILITARY AID TO TURKEY, BELGIAN REP (COL CLESSE), UK REP (PETERS), NETHERLANDS REP (CARSTEN), ITALIAN REP (TESTORI), CANADIAN REP (COL CHILD), FRG REP (CAPTAIN WELZ) AND NORWEGIAN REP (KLEIVANE) REPORTED ON STATUS OF BILATERAL ACTION TO PROVIDE TURKEY WITH NEEDED ITEMS OF

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 NATO 04949 01 OF 02 121220Z

MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND PARTS. CHAIRMAN (HUMPHREYS) EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT GENERAL LACK OF PROGRESS BEING MADE, WITH EXCEPTION OF EFFORTS BY FRG. CHAIRMAN STRESSED NEED FOR COUNTRIES TO PURSUE MORE VIGOROUSLY WAYS AND MEANS OF PROVIDING

HELP AND, IN PARTICULAR, TO CONSIDER HOW THEY COULD MAKE EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE TO THE TURKS ON THE MOST FAVORABLE BASIS. IS WILL DRAFT SHORT NOTE SUMMARIZING AD HOC GROUP REPS' REPORTS PRESENTED AT MEETING, WITH VIEW TO CIRCULATING NOTE TO SERVE AS BASIS FOR PERMREP DISCUSSION AT PRIVATE MEETING. AD HOC GROUP WILL MEET MONDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 22, TO ADDRESS IS DRAFT NOTE. MISSION COMMENT: REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES CREATED DEFINITE IMPRESSION THAT THE ALLIES HAVE NOT TAKEN VIGOROUS ACTION. ALTHOUGH THEY TRIED TO PUT THE BEST FACE ON THE MATTER, REPS ALSO LEFT IMPRESSION THAT THEY WERE POORLY INFORMED AS TO PRECISELY WHAT, IF ANYTHING, THEIR AUTHORITIES WERE DOING OR INTENDED DOING. IN SUM, MEETING WAS SOMETHING OF A BUST, BUT PROSPECT OF A PAPER GOING TO PERMREPS BASED ON SUCH SKETCHY REPORTS MAY PROD REPS TO ENCOURAGE THEIR CAPITALS TOWARD SOME BILATERAL EFFORTS. END COMMENT. ACTION REQUESTED: BY BRUSSELS OOB SEPTEMBER 22, ANY WASHINGTON COMMENT ON LATEST LIST OF MOST URGENT EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS OF TURKISH ARMED FORCES (REF F). IN ADDITION, WE REPEAT OUR REQUEST THAT WASHINGTON KEEP US INFORMED ON STATUS OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO LIFT EMBARGO AS DEVELOPMENTS OCCUR. END SUMMARY.

1. CHAIRMAN OPENED MEETING BY REVIEWING ORIGIN OF AD HOC GROUP (REF A), RESULTS OF FIRST TWO MEETINGS OF AD HOC GROUP (REFS A AND B), AND THE FOUR POSSIBILITIES HE SAW AS THE BASIS FOR PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT (OUTRIGHT AID, OUTRIGHT SALES, TEMPORARY LOANS OF EQUIPMENT, SALES ON FAVORABLE TERMS - REF A). HE STATED THAT COUNTRIES HAD GENERALLY EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO AID TURKEY WITHIN THE LIMITS OF PRACTICABILITY. HE THEN REVIEWED THE BASIS FOR CALLING SEPTEMBER 10 MEETING (REF C), AND ASKED FOR ANY GENERAL REMARKS.

2. US REP (BADER) SUMMARIZED CURRENT STATUS OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON LIFTING EMBARGO AND STATED WE EXPECT HOUSE MAY VOTE ON MATTER AGAIN BEFORE END OF MONTH.

3. CHAIRMAN THEN INVITED REPS TO REVIEW STATUS OF BILATERAL ACTION TO MEET EQUIPMENT NEEDS OF TURKISH FORCES.

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 NATO 04949 01 OF 02 121220Z

4. BELGIAN REP SAID THAT BELGIUM HAD DECIDED TO DO WHAT IT COULD TO HELP. CURRENTLY, ONLY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE WAS FOR ARMY FORCES. HE SAID HE WOULD BE IN A POSITION NEXT WEEK TO PROVIDE DETAILED LIST OF ITEMS BELGIUM COULD FURNISH. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR TO TURKEY HAD DISCUSSED TERMS OF PROVISION WITH TURKISH AUTHORITIES IN ANKARA. TERMS WERE LOW INTEREST AND LONG TERM SALES.

5. UK REP SAID STORES PERSONNEL IN UK WERE HAVING DIFFICULTY IDENTIFYING ITEMS ON LIST. EXAMINING LIST HELD BY BELGIAN REP (MISSION COMMENT: LIST WAS SAME LIST WE FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 9 - REF F. END COMMENT), UK REP SAID HE BELIEVED LONDON WAS WORKING FROM DIFFERENT LIST, ONE WITHOUT NATO STOCK

NUMBERS. TURKISH REP STATED HE UNDERSTOOD HIS AUTHORITIES HAD PROVIDED COPIES OF LIST HELD BY BELGIAN REP TO ALL EMBASSIES IN ANKARA. AT CHAIRMAN'S SUGGESTION, TURKISH REP UNDERTOOK TO PROVIDE COPY OF LIST TO UK REP FOR FORWARDING TO LONDON, TO PRECLUDE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER MISUNDERSTANDING. UK REP THEN STATED THAT UK EMBASSY IN ANKARA HAD INFORMED TURKS OF TERMS FOR PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT-- NORMAL COMMERCIAL BASIS. CHAIRMAN EXPRESSED VIEW THAT SITUATION WAS NOT NORMAL, AND ASKED THAT LONDON LOOK AT ALL FOUR OPTIONS. UK REP REPLIED THAT LONDON HAD ALREADY DONE SO, SYMPATHETICALLY. UK DID NOT PROVIDE MILITARY AID TO OTHER THAN COMMONWEALTH NATIONS, AND EVEN THIS AID HAD PRACTICALLY STOPPED ALTOGETHER. HE ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, THAT "COMMERCIAL BASIS" COULD TAKE ON VARIOUS FORMS.

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 NATO 04949 02 OF 02 121659Z

50

ACTION EUR-08

INFO OCT-01 SS-14 ISO-00 NSC-05 NSCE-00 INR-05 CIAE-00

PM-03 SP-02 PRS-01 OMB-01 SAJ-01 ACDA-10 L-01 TRSE-00

H-01 /053 W

----- 080736

R 121005Z SEP 75

FM USMISSION NATO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3501

SECDEF WASHDC

INFO ALL NATO CAPITALS 5483

CINCLANT

USCINCEUR

USDOCOSOUTH

USLOSACLANT

USNMR SHAPE

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 2 OF 2 USNATO 4949

LIMDIS

6. NETHERLANDS REP REPORTED THAT TURKISH AMBASSADOR HAD HAD SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH DUTCH AUTHORITIES IN THE HAGUE, AND THE DUTCH WERE LOOKING VERY SERIOUSLY AT FINDING ITEMS ONLIST WHICH THEY COULD SUPPLY. TERMS WOULD BE ON A COMMERCIAL BASIS, BUT THIS WAS A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF MANY WAYS TO PROVIDE ITEMS. THE DUTCH, TOO, WERE HAVING IDENTIFICATION PROBLEMS, AND HE THOUGHT THE TURKISH MILITARY ATTACHE IN BONN WOULD BE GOING TO THE HAGUE TO SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE. DUTCH DID NOT HAVE AMMUNITION ITEMS IN STOCK FOR DELIVERY TO TURKEY BUT TURKISH MILITARY ATTACHE WOULD DISCUSS AMMUNITION PRODUCTION DURING HIS VISIT. AT CHAIRMAN'S SUGGESTION, TURKISH REP UNDERTOOK TO PROVIDE NETHERLANDS REP

WITH COPY OF LATES LIST OF EQUIPMENT NEEDS.

7. ITALIAN REP STATED MERELY THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH TURKS CONCERNING ITEMS ITALIANS COULD PROVIDE THE TERMS FOR PROVISION WERE UNDERWAY IN ROME.

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 NATO 04949 02 OF 02 121659Z

8. CANADIAN REP REPORTED THERE HAD BEEN ACTIVITY IN OTTAWA AND ANKARA. TERMS WOULD BE ON A COMMERCIAL BASIS. SINCE CANADIAN REP WAS NOT CERTAIN THAT OTTAWA HELD THE LATEST EQUIPMENT LIST, THE TURKISH REP UNDERTOOK TO SUPPLY HIM A COPY.

9. FRG REP STATED THAT SINCE APRIL, BONN HAD OFFERED ANKARA, ON A COMMERCIAL BASIS, MATERIAL VALUED AT DM 100 MILLION. BONN HAD PROVIDED, WITHOUT CHARGE, SOME EXCESS BUNDESWEHR MATERIAL.

10. NORWEGIAN REP STATED ONLY THAT OSLO HAD RECEIVED THE LATEST EQUIPMENT LIST AND WAS CONSIDERING IT. HE HAD NO INDICATION THERE WERE ANY IDENTIFICATION PROBLEMS.

11. SUMMING UP, CHAIRMAN STATED THAT WITH EXCEPTION OF REPORT FROM FRG, HE FOUND REPORTS DISAPPOINTING, AND THAT TURKISH REP SHARED THAT VIEW. CHAIRMAN CONSIDERED THAT NATIONS SHOULD HAVE TACKLED IDENTIFICATION PROBLEMS EARLIER. HE HAD INVITED TURKISH REP TO PROVIDE COPIES OF LATEST LIST WHERE NEEDED, AND ASKED THAT COUNTRIES MAKE USE OF THIS INFORMATION AND PURSUE BILATERAL CONTACTS WITH TURKS VIGOROUSLY TO IDENTIFY POSITIVELY ITEMS THEY COULD PROVIDE. CHAIRMAN ALSO REQUESTED COUNTRIES TO PURSUE WAYS AND MEANS TO PROVIDE FURTHER AID AND TO CONSIDER, IN PARTICULAR, HOW THEY COULD MAKE EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE TO THE TURKS ON THE MOST FAVORABLE COMMERCIAL TERMS POSSIBLE. HE STATES IS WOULD DRAFT SHORT NOTE SUMMARIZING REPORTS PRESENTED AT MEETING, WITH VIEW TO CIRCULATING NOTE TO SERVE AS BASIS FOR PERMREP DISCUSSION AT PRIVATE MEETING. HE INVITED REPS TO GIVE IS ANY UPDATED INFORMATION AS IT COMES AVAILABLE. AD HOC GROUP WILL MEET MONDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 22, TO ADDRESS IS DRAFT NOTE.BRUCE

CONFIDENTIAL

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 18 AUG 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 12 SEP 1975
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975NATO04949
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: 11652 GDS
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: NATO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t197509102/abbrzlxl.tel
Line Count: 205
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: n/a
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Reference: A. USNATO 2391 DTG 300050Z APR 75 B. USNATO 2847 DTG 211805Z MAY 75 C. USNATO 4759 DTG 021650Z SEP 75
(NOTAL) D. USNATO 4820 DTG 051050Z SEP 75 (NOTAL E. USNATO 4837 DTG 051720Z SEP 75 F. USNATO 4870 DTG 091010Z SEP 75 (NOTAL)
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 22 APR 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <22 APR 2003 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <23 APR 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MILITARY AID TO TURKEY: AD HOC GROUP MEETING SEPTEMBER 10
TAGS: MPOL, MASS, NATO, TU
To: STATE
SECDEF INFO ALL NATO CAPITALS
CINCLANT
USCINCEUR

USDOCOSOUTH
USLOSACLANT
USNMR SHAPE

Type: TE

Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006